Subsequently, it was decided in 2007 that, in accordance with the provisions of the PSC, all gas produced by PMT JV would be sold to Government nominee, *i.e.*, GAIL, from 2008-09. Accordingly, the entire production of PMT JV is being supplied to GAIL from 1.4.2008.

(c) and (d) This Ministry had received through Prime Minister's Office a copy of the letter dated 8.3.06 addressed to the Prime Minister by Members of Parliament. As mentioned above, it has been decided in 2007 that, from 2008-09, all gas produced by PMT JV should be supplied to GAIL for marketing according to Government's directions.

Daily wage earning in rural household

2128. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2718 given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 2009 and state:

(a) the reasons for wage inequalities;

(b) whether the wage structure reflects gender and caste bias;

(c) if so, the steps taken to alleviate the wage inequalities; and

(d) what are current wage earnings of SC/ST/OBC categories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) to (c) Under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the appropriate Governments fix/revise minimum wages in respect of scheduled employments under their respective jurisdiction. The minimum wages are not fixed on the basis of gender or caste. However, there are different rates of minimum wages, across various employments, regions and States which is due to differences in socio-economic and agro-climatic conditions, prices of essential conditions, paying capacity, productivity and local conditions influencing the wage rate.

In order to reduce the disparity in minimum wages across the country, the Central Government fixes a National Floor Level Minimum Wage. It is a non-statutory measure, whereby the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations are requested to ensure that the minimum wages fixed/revised by them are atleast at par with the National floor Level Minimum wage.

(d) The current wage earning of Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Other Backward Class (OBC) categories is given at Statement-I to III.

Statement-I

Average daily wage earnings of Men, Women and Children belonging to the Rural Labour Households in Agricultural Occupations - Scheduled Castes

(in Rupees)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Men				Women				Children			
		1999-2000	2004-05 (P)			1999-2000	2004-05 (P)			1999-2000	2004-05 (P)		
			Total	Cash	Kind		Total	Cash	Kind		Total	Cash	Kind
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Major States												
1.	Andhra Pradesh	40.58	45.36	44.22	1.14	27.24	30.68	30.15	0.53	25.48	24.17	23.62	0.55
2.	Assam	38.91	57.56	49.50	8.06	34.26	52.66	44.48	7.78	34.83	—	—	—
3.	Bihar	34.93	43.40	29.03	14.37	31.64	36.63	20.67	15.96	22.79	25.71	15.64	10.07
4.	Gujarat	44.91	44.59	41.24	3.35	38.54	39.93	38.04	1.89	40.43	20.00	20.00	—
5.	Haryana	65.31	72.30	56.74	15.56	55.54	56.31	30.62	25.69	40.10	48.71	45.97	2.74
6.	Karnataka	38.72	44.73	42.72	2.01	26.74	31.11	28.66	2.45	21.14	25.54	24.37	1.17
7.	Kerala	97.25	116.02	107.37	8.65	62.37	79.58	70.40	9.18	—	—	—	—
8.	Madhya Pradesh	29.85	37.09	30.93	6.16	26.05	30.67	25.11	5.56	19.60	29.22	23.16	6.06

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9.	Maharashtra	37.32	44.25	42.96	1.29	23.59	26.16	25.22	0.94	25.33	26.10	24.40	1.70
10.	Orissa	28.50	41.37	38.07	3.30	23.38	30.83	27.71	3.12	14.92	14.26	8.52	5.74
11.	Punjab	62.90	70.90	62.65	8.25	72.70	50.80	40.60	10.20	59.29	35.44	31.99	3.45
12.	Rajasthan	55.43	66.47	56.02	10.45	47.17	59.43	44.09	15.34	—	41.04	38.28	2.76
13.	Tamil Nadu	50.40	62.79	57.12	5.67	30.19	36.40	33.03	3.37	27.17	50.00	24.46	25.54
14.	Uttar Pradesh	36.53	47.68	39.99	7.69	28.11	37.57	25.86	11.71	23.46	32.15	20.47	11.68
15.	West Bengal	43.85	45.60	40.53	5.07	36.38	38.50	32.34	6.16	42.25	30.57	21.91	8.66
	Other States/UTs												
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17.	Chhattisgarh	25.56	29.98	17.88	12.10	21.83	24.52	15.87	8.65	14.58	16.75	—	16.75
18.	Goa	—	110.07	110.07	—	—	75.00	75.00	—	—	—	—	—
19.	Himachal Pradesh	57.19	85.21	66.18	19.03	40.00	46.52	48.48	6.04	—	—	—	—
20.	Jammu and Kashmir	64.09	119.78	119.78	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21.	Jharkhand	35.23	42.22	37.75	4.47	26.21	39.46	37.14	2.32	35.38	9.87	7.96	1.91
22.	Manipur	—	42.86	42.86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
23.	Meghalaya	—	54.29	54.29	—	—	21.43	21.43	—	—	—	—	—

24. Mizoram	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. Nagaland	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Sikkim	51.40	108.82	79.29	29.53	32.12	84.24	75.41	8.83	—	—	—	—
27. Tripura	51.13	59.16	59.06	0.10	33.97	42.12	42.12	—	40.00	—	—	—
28. Uttaranchal	63.64	61.39	59.39	2.00	65.50	52.30	51.42	0.88	—	34.44	34.44	—
29. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	80.71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	38.57	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Daman and Diu	80.71	—	—	—	142.86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
33. Delhi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Lakshadweep	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35. Pondicherry	50.25	65.51	62.89	2.62	27.93	37.90	32.50	5.40	—	—	—	—
ALL INDIA	41.89	49.15	42.72	6.43	29.60	34.87	29.81	5.06	26.28	27.73	23.60	4.13

Statement-II

Average daily wage earnings of Men, Women and Children belonging to the rural labour households in agricultural occupations-Scheduled Tribes

(in Rupees)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Men				Women				Children			
		1999-2000	2004-05 (P)			1999-2000	2004-05 (P)			1999-2000	2004-05 (P)		
			Total	Cash	Kind		Total	Cash	Kind		Total	Cash	Kind
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Major States												
1.	Andhra Pradesh	39.14	47.48	44.92	2.56	29.77	29.87	27.07	2.80	28.89	26.31	24.53	1.78
2.	Assam	45.49	59.20	51.78	7.42	35.68	53.98	46.17	7.81	29.00	—	—	—
3.	Bihar	33.32	50.25	12.71	37.54	31.61	44.00	32.00	12.00	30.00	—	—	—
4.	Gujarat	31.24	44.48	38.94	5.54	27.58	35.22	30.54	4.68	18.48	32.04	24.56	7.48
5.	Haryana	62.87	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
6.	Karnataka	36.21	40.48	39.57	0.91	25.22	27.59	26.71	0.88	18.30	29.63	27.37	2.26
7.	Kerala	76.28	110.77	99.32	11.45	56.34	73.81	64.23	9.58	—	—	—	—
8.	Madhya Pradesh	29.24	32.97	24.73	8.24	25.26	27.68	18.92	8.76	21.04	24.61	15.18	9.43

9.	Maharashtra	35.84	42.25	39.30	2.95	24.87	28.72	26.19	2.53	19.82	26.76	24.99	1.77
10.	Orissa	26.37	36.28	32.19	4.09	22.72	25.07	20.20	4.87	18.72	35.43	30.72	4.71
11.	Punjab	48.88	80.00	80.00	—	124.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
12.	Rajasthan	39.68	49.80	45.35	4.45	30.45	38.38	35.86	2.52	19.58	—	—	—
13.	Tamil Nadu	53.67	53.45	52.98	0.47	24.83	40.85	36.98	3.87	—	—	—	—
14.	Uttar Pradesh	25.74	39.44	32.89	6.55	17.92	28.01	17.32	10.69	—	—	—	—
15.	West Bengal	40.97	45.48	40.11	5.37	36.93	45.84	40.07	5.77	36.18	44.99	20.99	24.00
	Other States/Uts												
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	73.94	263.52	263.52	—	60.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17.	Chhattisgarh	27.16	34.87	29.62	5.25	23.21	28.58	23.57	5.01	25.15	17.55	15.49	2.06
18.	Goa	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
19.	Himachal Pradesh	81.02	26.71	26.71	—	62.56	70.73	53.63	17.10	—	—	—	—
20.	Jammu and Kashmir	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21.	Jharkhand	32.73	38.47	33.54	4.93	30.01	32.82	28.71	4.11	36.25	—	—	—
22.	Manipur	58.82	59.45	59.45	—	50.00	41.43	41.43	—	—	—	—	—
23.	Meghalaya	50.16	62.02	60.17	1.85	35.48	47.20	45.46	1.74	31.72	41.64	41.64	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
24.	Mizoram	87.57	101.19	101.19	—	114.50	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25.	Nagaland	135.91	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26.	Sikkim	52.09	89.19	75.47	13.72	30.00	55.69	47.72	7.97	—	—	—	—
27.	Tripura	37.77	68.85	67.62	1.23	38.97	54.36	54.36	—	—	—	—	—
28.	Uttaranchal	64.29	39.28	39.28	—	—	60.00	60.00	—	—	—	—	—
29.	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	84.83	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30.	Chandigarh	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31.	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	39.35	54.87	46.00	8.87	28.66	51.48	41.46	10.02	—	40.00	40.00	—
32.	Daman and Diu	65.87	71.15	53.79	17.36	39.79	54.64	39.91	14.73	—	—	—	—
33.	Delhi	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34.	Lakshadweep	101.01	114.46	114.19	0.27	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35.	Pondicherry	40.60	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
	ALL INDIA	33.19	41.79	36.39	5.40	26.44	31.67	26.89	4.78	22.41	29.37	24.08	5.29

Statement-III

Average daily earnings of Men, Women and Children belonging to the Rural Labour Households in Agricultural occupations—Other Backward Classes

(in Rupees)

Sl. No.	States/Union Territories	Men				Women				Children			
		1999-2000	2004-05 (P)			1999-2000	2004-05 (P)			1999-2000	2004-05 (P)		
			Total	Cash	Kind		Total	Cash	Kind		Total	Cash	Kind
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Major States												
1.	Andhra Pradesh	38.24	45.50	44.53	0.97	25.08	29.70	28.73	0.97	21.02	28.57	28.00	0.57
2.	Assam	41.04	56.02	45.53	10.49	44.75	54.14	45.41	8.73	17.14	60.02	39.79	20.23
3.	Bihar	35.47	43.32	31.04	12.28	30.29	39.35	25.42	13.93	24.91	35.67	26.80	8.87
4.	Gujarat	41.35	47.36	44.74	2.62	34.53	48.47	44.05	4.42	38.76	38.65	34.80	3.85
5.	Haryana	48.89	70.65	56.03	14.62	47.02	70.88	36.04	34.84	—	—	—	—
6.	Karnataka	44.85	46.58	42.37	4.21	30.13	32.05	28.72	3.33	19.57	27.99	26.64	1.35
7.	Kerala	97.46	132.33	125.45	6.88	60.48	65.32	53.15	12.17	—	—	—	—
8.	Madhya Pradesh	30.29	34.50	27.27	7.23	25.97	27.77	23.05	4.72	20.34	25.61	25.61	—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
9.	Maharashtra	37.08	45.78	43.75	2.03	23.23	27.00	26.02	0.98	20.76	33.62	33.62	—
10.	Orissa	29.45	39.27	37.51	1.76	20.04	27.58	24.74	2.84	21.20	—	—	—
11.	Punjab	67.56	71.20	64.78	6.42	90.00	60.65	53.76	6.89	48.66	55.25	53.68	1.57
12.	Rajasthan	53.21	63.45	59.90	3.55	48.92	48.68	43.39	5.29	22.61	50.00	50.00	—
13.	Tamil Nadu	54.21	64.81	58.90	5.91	31.01	33.92	30.61	3.31	30.50	24.83	24.15	0.68
14.	Uttar Pradesh	39.40	48.30	43.32	4.98	30.83	38.23	28.61	9.62	25.69	32.92	27.70	5.22
15.	West Bengal	42.41	53.44	48.25	5.19	35.13	43.73	40.69	3.04	35.00	40.00	40.00	—
	Other States/Uts												
16.	Arunachal Pradesh	88.11	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
17.	Chhattisgarh	25.94	30.47	22.84	7.63	23.31	24.93	18.56	6.37	14.87	18.41	12.87	5.54
18.	Goa	—	75.76	70.18	5.58	—	53.57	53.57	—	—	—	—	—
19.	Himachal Pradesh	68.54	56.98	56.98	—	67.38	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20.	Jammu and Kashmir	117.24	97.92	81.78	16.14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
21.	Jharkhand	34.61	41.48	35.97	5.51	30.82	34.77	30.87	3.90	34.40	11.57	7.08	4.49
22.	Manipur	51.57	62.34	62.34	—	49.23	53.08	53.08	—	—	—	—	—
23.	Meghalaya	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

24. Mizoram	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25. Nagaland	42.86	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
26. Sikkim	51.59	84.38	77.67	6.71	42.78	69.22	64.54	4.68	—	—	—	—
27. Tripura	62.62	58.41	58.07	0.34	51.99	43.13	40.46	2.67	35.00	—	—	—
28. Uttaranchal	55.46	61.47	58.26	3.21	40.00	50.05	47.92	4.13	—	50.00	42.66	7.34
29. Andaman and Nicobar Islands	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
30. Chandigarh	122.37	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
31. Dadra and Nagar Haveli	37.41	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
32. Daman and Diu	—	87.79	76.80	10.99	—	150.00	120.00	30.00	—	—	—	—
33. Delhi	80.00	110.00	80.00	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
34. Lakshadweep	205.71	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
35. Pondicherry	46.36	67.35	55.71	11.64	34.24	41.68	25.72	15.96	—	—	—	—
ALL INDIA	40.93	49.64	44.03	5.61	28.42	33.63	29.70	3.93	22.72	31.70	29.19	2.51